

## CLAIMS

We claim:

- 1           1. A seamsaver for drywall, comprising:
  - 2           (a) an elongate rectangular panel of wood having a front
  - 3           face and first and second opposing side edges;
  - 4           (b) an elongate first ridge attached to the front face of
  - 5           the rectangular panel, the ridge being vertically centered on
  - 6           the rectangular panel and aligned along the first side edge of
  - 7           the rectangular panel;
  - 8           whereby the rectangular panel is adapted for having first and
  - 9           second abutting sheets of drywall are fastened along a seam
  - 10          formed by the abutting sheets of drywall, the ridge abutting the
  - 11          first sheet of drywall so that the first sheet is bent inward
  - 12          towards the rectangular panel in order to define a recess
  - 13          extending along the seam adapted for coating with joint
  - 14          compound.

1        2. The seamsaver for drywall according to claim 1, further  
2 comprising a second ridge identical in dimensions to said first  
3 ridge, the second ridge being attached to the front face of said  
4 panel, the second ridge being vertically centered and aligned  
5 along the second side edge of said panel opposite said first  
6 ridge, the second ridge being adapted for abutting the second  
7 sheet of drywall, whereby both the first and second sheets of  
8 drywall are bent inward towards the rectangular panel in order  
9 to define the recess extending along the seam.

1        3. The seamsaver for drywall according to claim 1, wherein  
2 said first ridge is rectangular in cross section.

1        4. The seamsaver for drywall according to claim 1, wherein  
2 said first ridge comprises an elongate, substantially U-shaped  
3 channel, having a front flange and a rear flange joined by a  
4 web, the front flange being substantially wedge-shaped, the  
5 channel being closely disposed over the first side edge of said  
6 panel with the front flange attached to the front face.

1        5. The seamsaver for drywall according to claim 1, wherein  
2 said first ridge comprises an elongate, substantially L-shaped  
3 angle, having a front flange and a side flange normal to the  
4 front flange, the front flange being substantially wedge-shaped,  
5 the angle being closely disposed over the first side edge of  
6 said panel with the front flange attached to the front face.

1        6. The seamsaver for drywall according to claim 1, wherein  
2 said rectangular panel is about forty-eight inches in length and  
3 between about four and ten inches in width.

1        7. The seamsaver for drywall according to claim 1, wherein  
2 said first ridge is between about twenty-eight and thirty-four  
3 inches in length.

1        8. The seamsaver for drywall according to claim 1, wherein  
2 said ridge has a thickness between about one-sixteenth and one-  
3 eighth inches.

1        9. A seamsaver for drywall, comprising an elongated,  
2 rectangular block of wood measuring a total of fifty-three  
3 inches long, two and one-half inches wide and one and one forth  
4 inch thick, the block having an elongated, uniform, gradual  
5 slope measuring forty-eight inches running from two and one half

6 inches from the top of said block to two and one half inches  
7 from the bottom of said block and reaching a maximum depth of  
8 one-eighth inch.